



The New York Public Library Music Division

Guide to the

Lajos Szendi autograph album

ca. 1911-1932

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Summary

Creator: Szendi, Lajos

Title: Lajos Szendi autograph album

Date: ca. 1911-1932

Size: 1 v, 19 cm; 1 v, 19 cm

Source: Gift, Szendy, Ilona, 1975

Abstract: The Lajos Szendi autograph album contains primarily autograph signatures of musicians. Some of the autographs have been written directly onto the leaves of the album, while others have been pasted in from scraps of paper, visiting cards, and other items. The book also contains several loose photographic postcards, programs, handbills, and newspaper clippings, most of which are signed and have been inserted between the leaves. Identifiable among the signers are: the opera singer, Mme. Charles Cahier, violinist, Jascha Heifetz, conductor, Ferdinand Löwe, composers Giacomo Puccini and Richard Strauss, and American suffragist, Carrie Chapman Catt. In addition to the famous names represented, the album contains numerous autographs belonging to Hungarian musicians or other individuals not as well known outside of Hungary.

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Language of the Material: Some signatures with inscriptions, as well as some signatures on printed items contain text in Hungarian and German

Creator History

Lajos Szendi (or Szendy) may have been related to the Hungarian composer, pianist, and music teacher, Árpád Szendy. He collected numerous autographs of musicians and other notables working in, or passing through, Budapest, Hungary during the early twentieth century.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Autograph albums
Handbills
Photographic postcards
Programs
Visiting cards

Subjects

Composers -- Autographs
Conductors (Music) -- Autographs
Contraltos -- Autographs
Musicians -- Autographs
Musicians -- Hungary -- Autographs
Suffragists -- Autographs

Names

Szendi, Lajos
Cahier, Charles, Mme., 1870-1951
Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1859-1947
Heifetz, Jascha, 1901-1987
Lo_we, Ferdinand, 1863-1925
Puccini, Giacomo, 1858-1924
Strauss, Richard, 1864-1949